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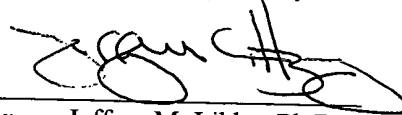
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (c) and § 1.52, Applicants submit herewith three (3) Compact Discs (CD-ROM, Copy 1 and Copy 2) as the copy of the Sequence Listing in lieu of a paper submission of the Sequence Listing in order to place the disclosure in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825; (CD-ROM, Copy 2 is identical to Copy 1). The Sequence Listing on each CD (Copy 1, Copy 2, and Copy 3) is entitled "MBI0034CIP.ST25.TXT," and is 153 KB in size. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), Applicants also submit herewith a compact disc containing only the Sequence Listing in ASCII format (CRF) (Copy 3) for operating system PC-DOS/MS-DOS and is IBM PC compatible.

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